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Greetings,

On December 3, 2010, The Keystone Center will kick off its dialogue process on the proposed Pebble Mine with an independent panel titled "Responsible Large-Scale Mining: Global Perspectives." This day-long event at the University of Alaska Anchorage will bring together international experts from academic institutions, the mining industry, and non-governmental conservation, cultural resources, and sustainable development organizations. The panel will include presentations and discussion of the environmental, social, cultural and economic principles and criteria that experts use to define responsible large-scale mining. The event is free and open to the public.

There will also be a free live webcast for remote participants.

Please see the attached press release and visit www.keystone.org/pebble for more information. To register, visit: www.keystone.org/registration/pebble.

Please feel free to share this information with others, and please contact me with questions about this event or the dialogue process.

Sincerely,

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International Panel on Responsible Large-Scale Mining to Convene in Anchorage

Experts to share perspectives on environmental, social, and economic dimensions of mining

DENVER, November 10, 2010 – A diverse panel of experts from academic institutions, the mining industry, and non-governmental conservation, cultural resources, and sustainable development organizations will convene in Anchorage on December 3, 2010 to discuss their findings on the principles and criteria for responsible large-scale mining. The panel is the first in a year-long series of independent science panels focusing on the possible development of the Pebble deposit. The panels are hosted by The Keystone Center, an independent, Colorado-based nonprofit organization. Future panels will help stakeholders evaluate the baseline environmental and socioeconomic studies associated with the potential development of the Pebble deposit.

According to Todd Bryan, Ph.D., senior associate with The Keystone Center, “Keystone’s goal in designing the panels is to help citizens make more informed decisions about the critical choices before them, whether they are opponents, proponents, or are on the fence regarding the proposed Pebble mine.”

According to Bryan, “the panelists cover broad perspectives on the environmental, economic, and social dimensions of large-scale mining operations throughout the world. Their collective knowledge of mining issues is unsurpassed and has seldom been assembled in one forum.”

“The panelists are working without compensation to help people throughout the region become better informed about what may be the most important decision of this and future generations,” said Dr. Bryan. “Their reputation as independent and objective scientists is paramount in this process.”

“Each panelist is a recognized expert in fields related to mining and mine impacts,” noted Dr. Rod Eggert, a professor at the Colorado School of Mines and a member of the independent, multidisciplinary science advisory committee that has been assisting The Keystone Center in designing the panels. “Collectively, the panelists will offer a diversity of experiences and perspectives relevant to the question, ‘How do we define responsible large-scale mining?’” This is a question mineral-rich areas throughout the world are wrestling with as the demands for minerals increases world-wide.

The all-day event is free and open to the public and will take place at the UAA Consortium Library. It will be filmed by 360 North and broadcast via live webstream on Friday December 3, 2010. It will also be broadcast statewide on public television stations and GCI cable on Saturday, December 11, 2010 starting at Noon and Sunday, December 12, 2010 starting at 8:00am.

Additional information about the Keystone Center and the project can be found at www.keystone.org. For more information on this and future panels, to register, and to access the live webstream on the day of the event, please visit www.keystone.org/pebble.